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# nas Airmen move into dorms

By Staff Sgt. Connie L. Bias 376 AEW Public Affairs

Two years ago, personnel stationed at Manas began a programming and moneyprocurement plan for future dormitories. Last October, construction on those dorm facilities began.

Base personnel are now beginning to see that plan's fulfillment. More than 250 personnel moved from tents to eight dormitories over the past week, and that transition will continue over the next few months.

"The goal is to have a total of 20 dormitories able to handle all of Manas' permanent-party personnel for the winter rotation, so nobody will be removing snow from their tent," said Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coumbs, 376th Civil Engineer Squadron operations chief.

To do that, the dorm movein is taking place in phases. The eight dorms currently in use house Airmen from former tent areas 400, 500, and some of 700 and 900. The Civil Engineer Squadron is waiting for furniture delivery for four unused dorms, which should happen by late June. When that furniture is delivered and placed, troops sleeping on cots in their dorms rooms now will

move into furnished rooms. At that point, the dorms currently in use will also be furnished, and more Tent City residents will move into dorm rooms. Contractors will then complete construction of the final eight dormitories.

"I know it's somewhat of a pain for some of these folks to be moving two or three times," said Chief Coumbs, "but I truly believe those moving in the dorms will be all smiles once they're in fully-furnished rooms with bathroom and laundry facilities down the hall."

Residents also have heating and air-conditioning units in their rooms, their own private living space, and dayrooms. Transformers should also be placed in the current rooms within the next two weeks, so Airmen will have full use of electric outlets.

"This has been a wing-wide effort all around," said the Chief. "The civil engineers are tearing tents down, and services has been moving furniture out of tents; logistics is helping them transport materials, and services is moving water bottles," he said, adding that the entire project is moving ahead of schedule.

While Tent City is coming down quickly, both the Chief

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Photo by Staff Sqt. Connie Bias

Above: Staff Sqt. Mashonda Brown, 376th Services Squadron, carries her cot to her new dorm room. Below: The 376th Civil Engineer Squadron moves furniture out of tents before tent tear-down.



Photo by Robin Hick

## Jumper, Dominguez: 'We are honored to serve with you'

By Gen. John P. Jumper and Michael L. Dominguez

AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF AND ACTING SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

This Memorial Day, our thoughts and prayers are with those whose family members have died in service to our great nation. This day also reminds us that service to the nation, like the service of those departed, continues with today's generation of Airmen defending freedom and fighting the global war on terrorism. We are reminded of the courageous sacrifices of hundreds of thousands of Americans.

We're reminded of the first official Memorial Day in 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate Soldiers at Arlington Cemetery.

We're reminded of the doughboys who died in the trenches and the Sailors who perished in the North Atlantic during World War I.

We're reminded of the Soldiers and Marines killed on the beaches of such

places as Normandy and Iwo Jima during World War II. We especially honor them this year as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the end of that war.

We're reminded of the pilots killed flying in MiG Alley and the Marines who died in the fight for the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War.

We're reminded of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who were killed in the air and in the jungles of Vietnam.

We're reminded of those servicemembers killed liberating Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm.

We're reminded daily of the ultimate sacrifices of men and women spreading freedom and defeating terror in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

In many other places throughout our history, men and women from all services have sacrificed their lives for the noblest cause — protecting and defending freedom.

Shortly after he took office in April 1945, President Harry S. Truman, speaking of the fighting in Europe and

the Pacific, said, "So that there can be no possible misunderstanding...America will continue the fight for freedom until no vestige of resistance remains." We continue that fight for freedom today, carrying the legacy of all those who have gone before us and paid the ultimate price.

We encourage you to observe the National Moment of Remembrance on May 30 as the nation honors those who have served so honorably and bravely. Please take this opportunity to pause for a moment of silence or other personal recognition of this revered day.

To all our servicemembers, you and your families are truly among our nation's greatest treasures — we are honored to serve with you.

We are also greatly humbled as we remember our now departed comrades-inarms who gave everything they had so we could enjoy the freedom and democracy we cherish today.

May God bless you and your service to this nation, and may God continue to bless America.

# Pay respect to former forces, freedom-fighters

By Chief Master Sgt. Howard Koehn 376 AEW Expeditionary Security Forces

Here at Manas Air Base, and as a nation, we are preparing to observe Memorial Day, when we remember those brave men and women who paid the ultimate price to secure the freedoms we enjoy today. I urge each of you this Memorial Day to take time out of your busy schedules to remember and to pay respect to all the great men and women of our Armed Forces who have given their

lives for us and for our nation.

Throughout the history of armed conflict, men and women have struggled and died for the cause of freedom. From the beaches of Normandy, through the bitter winters of Korea, to the steaming jungles of Vietnam, and on to the deserts of the Middle East, time and again the enemies of the United States have tested our mettle.

After the tragic and unprovoked attacks on our nation on Sept. 11, 2001, we endeavored to bear the burden of war yet

again. Many of you have deployed time and time again, leaving behind family and friends in the hope of ensuring the safety of our country and those we love. Your sacrifice has not been in vain. You have earned the gratitude and respect of your country.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of the United States Armed Forces, serving here at Manas and around the world. Your willingness to serve today ensures the security of our freedoms for tomorrow.

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and Wing Safety stressed increased safety awareness.

"Any kind of change brings new hazards," said Lt. Col. Jeff Spear, 376th Wing Safety. "We need to have a heightened awareness now. If you see something hazardous (in Tent City) try to fix it, or bring it to the attention of someone who can fix it."

Chief Coumbs echoed the colonel, adding that there will be "a lot of moving parts in a small area over the next few weeks. We need to be extra careful and safety conscious."

The Chief also said that Airmen can respond to dorm problems just as they did in their tents. Refer any problems to the CE customer service representative, who will pass it on to the contractor for a response. If there's an emergency, CE will respond, isolate the situation, and then reach the contractor. The 24/7 customer service number is 476-0236.



Photo by Robin Hicks

A crew of Airmen load tarps as they tear down tents. Personnel from the Civil Engineer, Services and Logistics Readiness Squadrons, along with other base members, are still tearing down Tent City.

## **Safety Tips**

- Watch your footing in the gravel and rocks.
- Wear a helmet when riding a bike, and use lights and a reflective belt at night.
- Watch your speed when driving.
- Drive six MPH in Tent City and 12 MPH outside Tent City.
- Use of a spotter is mandatory if you are backing a vehicle.
- Stretch before and after you exercise to minimize injuries.

## Memorial Service May 30, 2005 Noon

At Flag Poles near Dining Facility To participate in the formation, report at 11:45 a.m.

# Warrior of the Week Senior Airman Lauren Berger

376th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

Home Station: Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Primary Duties: Security Controller and Alarm Monitor

First thing to do after arriving home: "I plan to travel Europe, especially

the Netherlands," said Airman Berger.

**Outstanding Attributions:** "Senior Airman Berger is the first line of defense, ensuring that only authorized personnel and secure vehicles enter Manas," said Staff Sqt. Michael McKinnon. "She has the breadth of knowledge to perform all of her duties in a superior manner. Airman Berger's positive attitude enables her to remain calm under stressful situations. She's the go-to person you can count on to get the job done."



oto by 1st Lt. Alysia Harv

# '5-25' campaign increases IED awareness

By Multi-National Corps-Iraq Public Affairs

Improvised explosive devices are the number one killers of America's sons and daughters serving in Iraq, and the Joint IED Defeat Task Force at Camp Victory kicked off an information campaign Wednesday to increase awareness and save lives.

The "5-and-25" campaign is designed to increase IED awareness and reduce the effectiveness of the mountain of makeshift bombs being produced by insurgents. Officials say the deceptive devices account for more than half of the coalition deaths that have occurred since the start of the War in Iraq March 2003.

Efforts to date have reduced the IED casualty rate by more than 45 percent from April 2004 through February 2005, but that is not seen as enough.

"IEDs are our number one killers here," said Eric Egland from the Iraq headquarters of Joint IED Defeat Task Force at Camp Victory. The task force is responsible for developing innovative ways to rid the country of IEDs.

The deadly devices are considered a highly effective means of killing people because they can quickly be set up anywhere and set to blow at any time. They have been disguised as virtually everything from tree trunks and dead animals to bicycles and pregnant women. Royal Australian Air Force Group Capt. David Stockdale, deputy chair of the IED Working Group at Multi-National Corps-Iraq, said there is no limit to what insurgents will use for IEDs.

Stockdale, who serves as the equivalent of a colonel in the American Air Force, has been actively working the issue of IEDs and their effects since arriving in Iraq a few months ago.

"The IED is one of the most dangerous threats to coalition forces," Stockdale said. "To mitigate their effects, we wanted to put together an information campaign that would make the IED reaction drill a normal part of daily activities for the

coalition forces."

Egland said several different counter-IED organizations were already delivering good messages and possible solutions, but with no real emphasis or impact to the troops who needed it the most. "It wasn't as good as it could



be. Some channels just naturally don't flow as well as others," he said.

The working group, deputy-chaired by Stockdale, represents a cross-section of coalition forces formed as a result of this issue.

The group's solution for getting vital information to the forces required three objectives. First, ensure information gets to troops who need it most; second, develop an effective counter-IED organization that can take the fight to the enemy; third, produce pinpointed products from one organization which can be approved and delivered quickly.

"IEDs can be any time, anywhere, any shape; the trends change," Stockdale said. "The aim is to get the message to the field. It's dangerous out there."

To push information to the troops anywhere and any time trends change, the working group assembled a small team of designers to brainstorm effective ways to get the word out.

The first idea also seemed the most obvious one to start the campaign — military publications.

Task force members agreed they needed some common thread to tie all the messages together — like a logo.

"The [designers] suggested we needed to have [a logo] that everybody recognizes," said Lt. Col. Theodore Martin, field team leader, Joint IED Defeat Task Force-Iraq. "5-and-25" became that logo. "The most important thing coalition forces can accomplish is situational awareness when they're outside the wire; it is the most basic [tactic] that you have to master."

"This seemed appropriate because 5and-25 means awareness," said Master Sgt. William Johnson, one of three designers. "5-and-25 means checking the area around you for a threat. Every time you stop outside a secure area, you always should check. Not checking could get you killed."

More specifically, 5-and-25 requires that troops look for anything out of the ordinary within a five-meter radius of their vehicles, according to counter-IED policies. If halted long enough, forces should then exit their vehicles and conduct a 25-meter sweep around their position. Halting for as little as four minutes can prove costly.

"Evidence shows that [many] Soldiers, who are at a short halt [for as little as] four to five minutes, are getting hit by IEDs near their vehicles," Martin said.

Besides the recognizable 5-and-25 logo getting printed in military publications, the campaign will also produce messages to other outlets that could potentially reach as far away as the Department of Defense and Afghanistan.

"This time it's [newspaper ads], next time it will be commercials on TV and radio," Martin said. "After that, we're looking at expanding it. The sky is the limit."

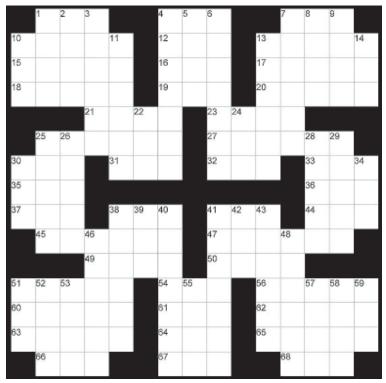
Included in the laundry list of ideas are bumper stickers, flash screens on Web sites, stress balls and even Frisbees, according to Martin.

Whatever the means, Stockdale said the message must stay focused with one purpose: to save lives.

"There's no predicting exactly where, when or how you're going to meet an IED when you're driving around," Stockdale said. "Practicing those basic methods and regularly using them significantly enhances your chances of survival."

## **Memorial Day Remembrance**

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman Alaska Command Public Affairs



#### ACROSS

- 1. A-Team member
- 4. Everything
- 7. Federal org. in charge of SSNs
- 10. Berths
- 12. Memorial Day person remembered, in short
- 13. Outfit
- 15. \_\_\_ a time; single file
- 16. Airport screen abbrev.
- 17. Elvis' blue shoes
- 18. Mil. jargon for "understood and complying"
- 19. Droop
- 20. Father figure
- 21. Inventor Whitney and NY
- Giant Manning
- 23. British title
- 25. Memorial Day person remembered (USMC)
- 27. Memorial Day person remembered (USN)
- 30. Memorial Day person remembered, in short
- 31. Terminate
- 32. Took a load off

- 33. Feline
- 35. Simpson trial judge
- 36. Compass dir.
- 37. Singer Torme
- 38. Sis' sibling
- 41. Center of the system
- 44. Alias, in brief
- 45. Killer
- 47. Tear-producing vegetables
- 49. Apple music machine, in short
- 50. Crime clue
- 51. Extreme
- 54. Terminate
- 56. Waited for right opportunity
- 60. Joints
- 61. Profit, in short
- 62. Hate
- 63. Held the world on his
- shoulders
- 64. Before, poetically
- 65. European monies
- 66. Fisherman's TV station, short
- 67. Org. concerned with patriotic heritage
- 68. Rep.'s congressional counterpart

#### DOWN

- Skirt type
   Spool
- 2. Sp001
- 3. Ammunition type
- 4. Hoarded
- 5. Italian currency, once
- 6. Gift
- 7. Gale
- 8. Lard
- 9. General's helper
- 10. Memorial Day person remembered, in short
- 11. Jaded
- 13. de corps
- 14. Each
- 22. \_\_ hurry; rushing
- 24. Auto club
- 25. Boundaries
- 26. Isle
- 28. Pacific or Atlantic
- 29. A1C, SSgt, Lt, Col, etc.
- 30. Vigor
- 34. Brewed beverage
- 38. Circumvent
- 39. Music group Diamond
- 40. Commanded

- 41. Memorial Day person remembered (USA)
- 42. Count off starter
- 43. Inclined
- 46. Memorial Day person remembered (USAF)
- 48. Hateful
- 51. Stars & Stripes country
- 52. Actor Jared
- 53. Lanky
- 55. Singer Jones
- 57. Challenge
- 58. British school
- 59. Federal org. establ. after 9/11

May 20 Solutions



## Manas communication not like home

## Laptops, PDAs, etc. under tight watch, restrictions at Manas

By Maj. Bob Berger 376 AEW Expeditionary Communications SQUADRON

Now that the dust has settled from the AEF 5/6 bed-down and we've taken the reigns from our predecessors, it's time to review some rules concerning communications assets at Manas Air Base. The deployed environment and CENTCOM limitations prevent us from having many of the same communications capabilities we have at our home stations.

Here are the guidelines concerning communications assets, as well as an update on what's happening in the communications arena.

- Only government-owned Personal Digital Assistants can be synchronized with your desktop workstation. If you have a personal PDA, it can't be connected to the network or your desktop computer. Wireless PDAs are restricted.
- Personal laptops cannot be connected to the base network at any time.
- Internet sites are more restricted in the AOR due to CENTCOM policy. Some internet sites you visit back at your home station may be blocked from viewing.
- Green Beans Internet Café has computers you can rent to surf the web. Many of the blocked sites you encounter

at Manas aren't blocked at Green Beans.

- Deployed members are permitted two, 15-minute morale calls per week. The communications squadron monitors this and will notify first sergeants of any abuse.
- Use of two-way Personal Family Radios is prohibited in the AOR and at Manas. If you are using them, stop. They are illegal and a big security risk.
- E-mail accounts are capped at 50 megabytes for individuals and 100 MB for commanders due to limited storage space on the network. Additionally, in an effort to protect our limited bandwidth, only a limited number of users can send e-mail to "Manas All."
- Due to limited storage space, music files can't be stored on shared networks. If you want to listen to music at work, store the files on your local desktop, not the shared drives.
- Each dorm room is wired for telephone, computers and AFN, but current infrastructure limitations prevent activation until later this year. In the meantime, each dorm has three phones for on-base use only, and AFN in the dayrooms, with at least seven channels.

The 376th Expeditionary Communications Squadron is dedicated to providing you top notch service. If you have questions concerning the communications policy or you encounter problems with your communications assets, contact your unit Client Support Administrator, or work group manager, or call the help desk at 476-0115.

## IN BRIEF

- ▶ RIGHT START: Right Start is held every Friday at 7 a.m. at Pete's Place. To review your squadron's slide presentation, go to the coalition drive, Right Start folder, Right Start brief, and Revised Right Start folder. Save any changes you make separately, and notify Capt. Seth Tribett, Persco, at 476-0661.
- ▶ BUS STOP: A new bus stop has been added to accommodate dormitory personnel. The bus now stops in the northwest corner of Tent City at 6 a.m.
- ► CIRCUIT TRAINING: The fitness center now offers additional circuit training courses every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 p.m.
- ► AIRMAN'S COUNCIL: The Airman's Council meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Civil Engineer Squadron conference room.
- ► THEATER PRODUCTION: Casting auditions for the play "Plaza Suite" take place May 29-30, 7-9 a.m., and May 31, 5-7 p.m., at Pete's Place. The play will use six male and five female roles. The director also needs volunteers for the assistant director, sound and lighting, and prop positions. To audition or volunteer, e-mail

Russian Language Tip thank you: спасибо pronounced: spasiba

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# AROUND MANAS

May 27, 2005



Above: Army Staff Sgt. Scott Finney, PERSCO, studies his shot during Monday night's pool tournament. Army Spc. Robert Murphy won the tournament and a \$10 AAFES gift card.

Below: Staff Sgt. Steven Krach, 376th Civil Engineer Squadron, smooths gravel around Wing Headquarters. A constant job at Manas, graval maintenance enhances drainage, keeps mud levels down and offers improved traction.



# Troops with May birthdays receive special meal



Alyone Kalinicheva (left) and Kunzaada Diykaubayeva, dining facility employees, prepare the Manas birthday meal May 20. Diners had a choice of lobster tail, prime rib or shrimp kabobs for their main meal.



Lt. Col. Roberta Gott (standing at left), 376th Medical Group commander, and Chaplain (Capt.) Onyema Okorie, Catholic priest, serve meals to Manas personnel with May birthdays.

### May 27, 2005

## **Band of Brothers**

Below: Col. Weston Taylor (right), 376th AEW vice commander, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bill Miller, chaplain, get into the music during Tuesday night's Band of Brothers concert. Right: Jason Gore, Band of Brothers acoustic guitar, rocks out on the Bruce Springsteen hit, "Born to Run." The visiting band, touring from North Carolina, played more than two hours of music, covering both Christian and popular rock.









Photos by Staff Sgt. Connie Bias

Fire Dawgs Relocate
Left: Airman Alston Calderon, 376th fire emergency services, watches progress as Fire Station 1 is re-located into the Tent City area Monday. Above: Fire Department Airmen cover their newly constructed station.



Congratulations to this week's winners.

Josh Romero, 376 ELRS
Full Body Massage Certificate
Naili Chen, 376 EMDG
Full Body Massage Certificate
Jerry Munoz, 376 ELRS
Full Body Massage Certificate
Vicky Taylor, 376 EMDG
\$20 AAFES Gift Card
Josh Sollano, 376 ELRS
\$25 AAFES Gift Card
Matthew Collanno, 376 EMDG
\$25 AAFES Gift Card
Edward Swartz, 376 ELRS
\$30 AAFES Gift Card
Michael O'Toole, 376 ECES

\$30 AAFES Gift Card

Shelly Hudson, 376 EAMXS \$30 AAFES Gift Card Melissa Frame, 376 ESVS \$40 AAFES Gift Card Donald Atha, 376 EMXS \$50 AAFES Gift Card Larry Hines, 376 ELRS \$50 AAFES Gift Card Eric Smith, 376 EMXS \$50 AAFES Gift Card Matt Lothrop, 376 ELRS \$60 AAFES Gift Card Shane Carney, 376 EMXS \$100 AAFES Gift Card Juan Rodriguez, 376 ECES \$35 AAFES Gift Card Steve Thompson, 376 EOSS Portable CD Player Mike Hunt, 376 EMXS Portable CD Player

Ivan Carter, 376 ELRS

Portable DVD Player

Troy Henderson, 376 EAMXS Portable DVD Player Guadalupe Ramirez, 376 EMXS MP3 Player Kimberly Weaver, 376 ESVS MP3 Player Angel Rojas, 376 EMDG Gameboy Advance Denise Lopez, 376 ELRS Gameboy Advance Angela Kelly, 376 ESVS PlayStation 2 Mark Portis, 376 ECES PlayStation 2 Matthew Jones, 376 ELRS PlayStation 2 Angela Gandison, 376 ESVS Chess Board Game

**Pool Tournament Winner:** *Robert Murphy* 

# What's going on

Events with "P" are at Pete's Place, "S" are at Shooters and "F" are the fitness center.

#### **►** TONIGHT

9 Ball: 8:30 p.m. "S" Off the Wall Concert: 8 p.m. "P"

#### **►** SATURDAY

Darts Tourney: 8:30 p.m. "S" Bingo: 7:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. "P"

#### **► SUNDAY**

Black Jack Tourney: 4 p.m. "S" Memorial Day 5K Relay: 1:30 p.m. "F"

#### **► MONDAY**

Circuit Training/Abs: 4:30/5:30 p.m. "F"

NASCAR Coca Cola 600: 1 a.m. "S"

#### **▶ TUESDAY**

Halo 2 Video Game Tourney: 7 p.m. "S" Spades Tourney: noon & 7:30 p.m. "P"

#### **▶** WEDNESDAY

Circuit/Abs Training: 4:30/5:30 p.m. "F" Bingo: 7:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. "P" Variety Music Night: 8:30 p.m. "P"

#### **▶ THURSDAY**

Intramural Basketball: 6 p.m. "F" Dominos Tourney: 10 a.m. "S"

#### Manas Chapel

#### Saturday

Mass - 5 p.m.

#### Sunday

Mass - 9 a.m.

Protestant Service - 10:30 a.m. Latter Day Saints - 12:30 p.m. Contemporary Services - 7 p.m.

### Monday to Friday

Daily Mass - 6 p.m.

For information on Jewish and Muslim worship or to see a priest for Confession by appointment, call the Chapel at 476-0602.

All services are at the Chapel, unless otherwise noted.



#### **SATURDAY**

The Sixth Sense, 2 a.m.
Jersey Girl, 8 a.m.
Kingdom Come, 10 a.m.
Last Orders, Noon
Saw, 6 p.m.
Pirates of the Caribbean,
8 p.m.
First Daughter, 10 p.m.

## SUNDAY

Set It Off, 2 a.m.

Kiss of the Dragon, 8 a.m. Superman, 10 a.m. The Dead Pool, Noon Pelican Brief, 6 p.m. The Recruit, 8 p.m. The Sicilian, 10 p.m.

#### **MONDAY**

The Prisoner, 2 a.m.
The Watcher, 8 a.m.
Wild Wild West, 10 a.m.
The Longest Day, Noon
Badder Santa, 6 p.m.
Dodgeball, 8 p.m.
Office Space, 10 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY**

Viewer's choice Day

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Without a Paddle, 2 a.m.
Shallow Hal, 8 a.m.
Dr. Doolittle, 10 a.m.
The Wedding Singer, Noon
The Toy, 6 p.m.
Meet the Fockers, 8 p.m.
Anchorman, 10 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY**

The Evil Dead, 2 a.m. 13 Ghosts, 8 a.m. The Haunting, 10 a.m. SAW, Noon The Village, 6 p.m. Pet Sementery, 8 p.m. Fright Night, 10 p.m.





Photos by Staff Sgt. Connie Bias

Left: Steven Cotton (number 22), playing for the 376th Wing staff, goes for a basket in Tuesday's intramural basketball kick-off game. The Wing beat the Civil Engineer Squadron 69-66. Above: Joe Doyle, 376th Security Forces Squadron, takes control of the puck at Sunday's hockey tournament, where the cops beat the opposing C-17 maintenance team 13-6. Below: Mike Weaver, 376th Logistics Readiness Squadron, connects with the ball during Monday's softball intramural games. Logistics won both games, topping the Wing 20-10 and the Civil Engineer Squadron 19-16.

